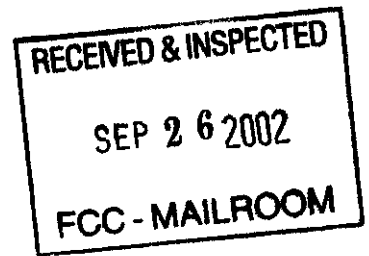




Dickey Rural Telephone Cooperative
Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.
Dickey Rural Services, Inc.
Dickey Rural Access, Inc.



September 16, 2002

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445-12th Street, SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

RE: USF Certification – FCC Docket No. 96-45
Dickey Rural Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 is an Affidavit certifying that all universal service support will only be used by the undersigned carrier for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

The undersigned carrier has also filed this Affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and it is anticipated that the North Dakota Public Service Commission will also certify by October 1, 2002, that the undersigned carrier will only use said universal service support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast-approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2002, the undersigned carrier is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communications Commission to ensure that the undersigned carrier continues to receive the universal service support for which it is eligible.

Sincerely,

Darren D. Moser
General Manager

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Enc. (5)

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**AFFIDAVIT OF DICKEY RURAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. REGARDING CERTIFICATION
OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

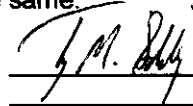
Darren D. Moser, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

5. The Company hereby certifies that it will only use the Support that the Company receives during the four quarters of 2003 (and all quarters thereafter) for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

By Darren D. Moser
Darren D. Moser
Its: General Manager

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On this 16th day of September, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Darren D. Moser, known to me to be the General Manager of Dickey Rural Communications, Inc., the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.



_____, Notary Public

For the State of North Dakota

My commission expires: _____

